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1. USINT RECEIVED AUGUST 28 MINREX NOTE 1519 DATED
AUGUST 22, BY WHICH GOC DECLINES SHARK FISHING QUOTA
FOR 1978. COPY OF NOTE IS BEING POUCHED TO ARA/CCA.

2. CUBAN NOTE EXPLAINSTHAT ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR
SHARK FISHERY, ALTHOUGH OF LIMITED ECONOMIC VALUE, WAS
CONSIDERED VIABLE IF COMBINED WITH OTHER QUOTAS REQUESTED
SUCH AS SEA BASS, RED SNAPPER AND SHRIMP (CHERNA, PARGO
Y CAMARON). WHEN OTHER QUOTAS WERE NOT GRANTED AND
FOLLOWING FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON JULY 6 AND 7,
CUBAN MINISTRY OF FISHING INDUSTRY CONCLUDED THAT IT
WILL NOT BE FEASIBLE TO UNDERTAKE SHARK FISHING DURING THE
REST OF 1978 SINCE A) COSTS INCLUDING LICENSES, TAXES
AND OBSERVERS EXCEED THE PROBABLE VALUE OF THE CATCH; B)
U.S. REGULATIONS CONCERNING SMALL BYCATCHES DO NOT EVEN
PERMIT TAKING OF BAIT; AND C) IT IS MORE ECONOMICAL TO
DEDICATE FISHING FLEET RESOURCES TO OTHER FISHERIES
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THIS YEAR.

3. THE NOTE CONCLUDES WITH ASSURANCES THAT THE
MINISTRY MAINTAINS ITS INTEREST IN DEVELOPING FISHERIES
OF SEA BASS, RED SNAPPER, SHRIMP AND SHARK IN THE GULF
OF MEXICO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS DISPOSED TO CONTINUE
CONSULTATIONS SEEKING MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS

AS WELL AS COORDINATED RESEARCH PROGRAMS TO OBTAIN
INFORMATION LEADING TOWARD ADEQUATE MEASURES TO GUARANTEE
RATIONAL EXPLOITATION OF THESE FISHING RESOURCES.
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